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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH OMANI AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

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- 1. AMBASSADOR FARID AL-HINAI CALLED AT EMBASSY MAY 15, GIVING CHARGE OCCASION TO MENTION OMANI CHARGE'S APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED REFTEL.
- 2. THE DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR HINAI TURNED QUICKLY TO ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. CHARGE REPEATED THE BRIEFING ON DAYAN AND BEGIN VISITS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (MUSCAT 0663). HINAI LISTENED WITH ATTENTION BUT HAD FEW COMMENTS OF INTEREST.
- 3. HINAI THEN BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF HORN OF AFRICA, REITERATING OMANI WORRY ABOUT DEVELOPMENT THERE (AND THUS SHOWING AGAIN THAT THIS IS BECOMING CONSPICUOUS THEME OF OMANGOV DIPLOMACY). SECRET

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CHARGE DECLINED GIVE ASSESSMENT ON SITUATION IN HORN, BUT STATED THAT OMANI CONCERN IS UNDERSTANDABLE AND USG OBVIOUSLY WATCHING CLOSELY AS WELL. HINAI REFERRED ALSO TO AFGHANISTAN, COMMENTING THAT OMAN FEELS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE BETWEEN THESE TWO ADVERSE EVENTS.

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